

Calvary Chapel  Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BASKETBALL DEVOTIONS

10-18 year olds

Week 9

Preach the Word!

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The objective is the goal or main teaching point of this week's study. If you convey one thing to your players, make it this.

Read this passage aloud to the kids, as it will be the focus of this week's study. Each week's memory verse will be in bold.

Our lessons for our older age groups are designed to be more discussion-based. This section is for the coach to read ahead of time so that he/she understands the goal of the discussion and is able to direct the conversation.

Objective This lesson will encourage the kids to take the things they've learned this year and pass it on to others.

Scripture Passage:

"Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."

2 Timothy 4:2

Coaches Guide

This season, we've looked at Paul's letter to Timothy instructing him in many aspects of the Christian life. In 2 Timothy 4:2 near the end of the letter, Paul commands Timothy to preach the Word. Timothy was to take all these things that Paul had taught him and preach them to others. This command applies not just to Timothy, but to us as well.

In devotions this season, we have studied 2 Timothy 2 and learned many truths about the Christian life. As a coach, you've invested a lot of time in these kids to teach them about the Lord, but these truths are not just for them. Everyone needs to know about the Lord, and the hope is that your team will teach what they've learned about Him to others. That's what it means to "preach the Word." Paul says to be ready, "in season and out of season," which means being prepared at all times. Opportunities to talk about the Lord don't only come when you expect them, which is why you must always be ready.

The end of the verse says to convince (show people why they need the word), rebuke (correct those who are not living according to God's Word), exhort (encourage and instruct others to follow God's commands), and teach. To unbelievers, that means telling them the truth of the Gospel and showing them why they should believe. To believers, we need to be calling out sin and encouraging them to obey God. Doing this is difficult, which is why Paul tells us to do this with longsuffering, continuing to preach the Word even if people aren't listening to us.

Team discussion gives questions to ask your team in order to discuss today's topic. Use the information from the coaches guide to steer the conversation toward the biblical truth.

"On the Court" gives some in-game situations where today's lesson can be applied, while "Off the Court" gives examples from everyday life. Encourage them to do the things you listed during the game today.

These are some final notes/goals to accomplish this week. These are not meant to be read, but are instructions for the coach.

Team Discussion

1. What are some things you've learned during devotion time this season? Has anything impacted your life?
2. What does it mean to preach the Word and "be ready in season and out of season"? Have you ever gotten an unexpected opportunity to talk to someone about your faith?
3. What does it mean for us to "convince, rebuke, [and] exhort"? Why do we need longsuffering in order to do this?
4. How do we preach the Word to unbelievers? How do we do it to Christians? Have you ever had to call out a brother or sister in Christ?

On the Court

- When your teammate is not honoring the Lord in the way they are acting, it's your job as a fellow Christian to lovingly call them out on it.
- Encourage your teammates in their walks with Lord.
- Be ready to talk about God's Word at basketball. You never know when an opportunity to share your faith will come.

Off the Court

- Tell your friends and family all about the things you've learned this season in devotion time.
- We are responsible to call out our brothers and sisters in Christ when they are disobeying the Lord's commands.
- Be ready for opportunities to share the Gospel with anyone. You never know when you'll meet someone who isn't a Christian.

The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, 2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Give a ticket to any player who can recite it.
2. Since this is the last week, there is no new memory verse.
3. Take some time with the team to review some of the things you've learned this year.
4. Feel free to use this last time with your team to talk about anything you think would be beneficial in their walks with the Lord.